



REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Title: Request for Council Action – Resolution No. 25 for 2024 – Amending the Title VI Plan

Preferred Agenda: December 10, 2024

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Type of Action: Resolution Motion Roll Call Other

Relevant Code/Policy: Title VI Plan

Towards Council Goal: Be an Effective & Efficient Government

Attachments: Resolution No. 25 for 2024
Title VI Plan

Purpose of this RCA:

To seek Council approval of updates to the City of Sweet Home Title VI Plan in compliance with Federal Transit Administration (FTA) Circular 4702.1.

Background/Context:

Sweet Home is a regular recipient of FTA funds through the Oregon Department of Transportation. These funds are used to assist in funding the Sweet Home Dial-A-Bus Program operated by Sweet Home Senior Citizens Inc.

FTA has determined that all agencies that receive Federal Transit Funds either directly or indirectly must have an adopted Title VI Plan so that no person is excluded from participation in, or denied the benefits of, its program and services on the basis of race, color, sex, or national origin as protected by Title VI in FTA Circular 4702.1A.

The City of Sweet Home most recently amended its Title VI Plan in 2019. During the course of an audit of Sweet Home Senior Citizens Inc. earlier this year, it was noted that the plan was due for review and re-approval by the City Council with any revisions. There are no significant changes from the previous version.

The Challenge/Problem:

Amending the Title VI Plan is required to remain eligible for FTA funding.

Issues and Financial Impacts:

Should the City no longer qualify for FTA funding, the Dial-A-Bus Program would be in jeopardy as there are no other funds identified for this program.

Elements of a Stable Solution:

Timely approval of the updated plan to continue Sweet Home's eligibility for FTA funding.

Options:

1. Do nothing: The City risks its eligibility for FTA funding if the amended plan is not adopted.
2. Recommend changes to the proposed plan: The City Council could propose modifications to the Title VI Plan.
3. Approve the plan: Move to approve Resolution No. 25 for 2024 as proposed to adopt the revised Title VI Plan.

Recommendation:

Staff recommends Option 3: Move to approve Resolution No. 25 for 2024 as proposed to adopt the revised Title VI Plan.